

## **Minutes of the Public Works Committee - July 31, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chair Manke. Supervisor Bruce led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chair Richard Manke, County Board Supervisors James Behrend (arrived at 8:51 a.m.), Genia Bruce, Hank Carlson, Karl Nilson, Rodell Singert, David Swan

**Staff Present:** County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legis.Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

**Also Present:** Public Works Director Rich Bolte, Sr. Civil Engineer Paul Barthel, Building Projects Mgr. Dennis Cerreta, Bob Rammer (Asst. Superintendent) of Muskego-Norway School District, Paul Geiszler of Muskego Police Department, Rick Petfalski (President) of City of Muskego Common Council, Sean McMullen (Director of Engineering) of City of Muskego, Ken Lucht of Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Co., County Board Supervisors Kathleen Cummings and Dan Pavelko

### **Public Comment**

1. Supervisor Cummings stated she is appearing because of the article in the newspaper yesterday and in regard to the ordinance that she has brought forward the title of which is "Create Parkland on County Owned Buena Vista Properties." What this ordinance does is to create a buffer between the Waukesha County Institutional District I-1 and City of Waukesha Residential Multi-Family RM-3 zoning. A parkland buffer would be created with a minimum first 30 feet adjacent to Buena Vista Avenue within lots 11,12, 13, 14, and 15. Supervisor Cummings stated the ordinance will go to the LUPE Committee on Tuesday. This will give the residents in the area more control and assurance that it will stay a buffer. The goal is to get the parking lot built and for the project to move forward.
2. Swan said he went to the Public Hearing regarding the transmission line going from Waukesha to Sussex to Duplainville. He made them aware that a proposal for a grade separation of Highway K is in the works.
3. Singert said at the last of Executive Finley's town hall budget meetings, a person from the Town had quite a discussion with Finley about the fairgrounds and loss of acreage to the fairgrounds. Her concern was the loss and possible acquisition or allocation for the airport. Singert said there is going to be a committee that will address the use of all county owned property including the airport and fairgrounds.

### **Read Correspondence**

The following items were addressed by Chair Manke:

1. Letter from Executive Finley to Executive Director of SEWRPC Evenson in regard to getting the Jurisdictional Highway Plan off dead center.
2. Letter from Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Co. to Supervisor Nilson, Executive Finley and Chairman Dwyer in regard to up-coming projects and needed funding.
3. Regarding the letter from Waukesha Flying Services, Manke talked to DOA Director N.Cummings who will be sending a copy of his response.
4. Esler said the committee will be receiving a letter from Laser, Inc. on a public records request regarding the mechanical bid contract for the jail. Corporation Counsel Farley will respond on behalf of the County Clerk.
5. Esler distributed copies of a transmittal from Kimme & Associates, Inc. in regard to Jail ADP (Average Daily Population) Trend Monitoring data through June 2003.

### **Meeting Approvals**

**Motion:** Nilson moved, second by Swan, to approve attendance for committee members to attend

the meeting regarding emissions at the DNR District Office on Martin Luther Drive in Milwaukee on August 6, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. **Motion carried 6 – 0.**

**Consider Proposed Ordinance: 158-O-049 Establishment of Speed Zone - C.T.H. “L”**

Barthel said he received a request from the City of Muskego to look at the speed limit on Highway L. The existing speed zone is 35 mph and jumps to 55 mph immediately at the end of the 35 mph speed zone. The City has received numerous complaints regarding jake-breaking, trucks downshifting/upshifting, etc., through that area. Barthel said he did a couple of speed studies and obviously the farther away from the 35 mph speed zone people are driving closer to 55 mph. The City requested extending the 35 mph zone out to the limits on the map. Barthel said he could not justify that suggestion with the speed study that he did. As an alternative, the proposal is to lower the speed to 45 mph between the 35 and 55 mph speed zones which will help increase safety in the area.

**Motion:** Swan moved, second by Carlson, to approve Proposed Ordinance 158-O-049. Behrend arrived at 8:51 a.m.

Manke allowed Supervisor Pavelko to speak. Pavelko said he has received a number of complaints and also considers the exit/entrance at Muskego County Park to be a safety issue. Nilson said he has a problem with this because we’re going after a certain class of vehicles that is aggravating the neighbors, but we’ll be penalizing the car drivers. We should be passing a no-engine breaking ordinance. Why penalize everyone 24 hours a day because of a problem with the trucks? A 45 mph speed limit out there is ridiculous. Nilson stated the law says the speed limit is for ideal conditions, and if there is more traffic you should slow down. The law doesn’t say speed limits should reflect worse conditions and that’s what we’re doing in this county. The faster traffic moves, the less highways you need. Nilson said he will be voting no. Singert said he has driven in the area about three times, and there isn’t the traffic to justify this change. Swan asked in regard to Pavelko’s concern about the park entrance, will the speed limit still be 55 mph? Barthel said yes it will. The speed study that was done there did not justify lowering the speed. Manke allowed Alderman Rick Petfalski to speak. He spoke in favor of the speed change to 45 mph. **Motion carried 6 – 1; Nilson voting no.**

**Consider Proposed Ordinance: 158-O-047 Parking Regulation – C.T.H. “Y”**

Barthel explained the ordinance which would effect a “no parking” zone on both sides of CTH “Y” from Gemini Drive south to Henneberry Drive from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday.

**Motion:** Carlson moved, second by Behrend, to approve Proposed Ordinance 158-O-047.

Barthel said currently there is “no parking anytime” from Pioneer Drive to a point 1,500 feet south of Woods Road. Also, there is restricted parking at all times near Parker Drive which is shown on the map by the red line and was put in effect by adopted ordinance 157-O-129. Barthel said he and Director Bolte met with representatives from the school, police department and City of Muskego to resolve the problem in this area. It was determined that the City would come up with a parking plan for the Muskego High School area. A letter was received from the City requesting no parking zones along Racine Avenue.

Manke allowed Sean McMullen and Bob Rammer to speak. McMullen explained the issues they took into consideration. He said they are looking at the same things that the County is. Rammer

said the school district is in complete agreement with the recommendation and would encourage the committee to pass the ordinance.

Esler asked who will be paying for signage? McMullen replied that there is no cost to the county. The City and County Highway Departments will be working together on installation. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**Consider Proposed Ordinance: 158-O-048 Parking Regulation – CTH “Y” Pioneer Drive to Muskego City Hall**

Barthel explained the ordinance which will effect “no parking anytime” on the east side CTH “Y” from Pioneer Drive north.

**Motion:** Carlson moved, second by Singert, to approve Proposed Ordinance 158-O-048.

**Motion:** Nilson moved, second by Swan, to amend the ordinance in Line 16 by deleting “City Hall” and adding “Police Department”. **Motion carried 7 – 0. Original motion carried as amended 7 – 0.**

**Consider Proposed Ordinance: 158-O-045 Parking Regulation – C.T.H. “X”**

**Motion:** Bruce moved, second by Carlson, to approve Proposed Ordinance 158-O-045.

Barthel stated currently the bridge is being reconstructed on CTH “X” in Saylesville. This ordinance will cover “no parking” within the limits of the guardrail. Once the new bridge is constructed there will be a shoulder, but it is felt that there is not an adequate area between the guardrail and the edge of the pavement for people to safely park and get out of their cars. Therefore, they would like to restrict parking in this area. Discussion by the committee continued. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**Consider Proposed Ordinance: 158-O-046 Parking Regulation – C.T.H. “DR”**

**Motion:** Behrend moved, second by Carlson, to approve Proposed Ordinance 158-O-046. Barthel explained the ordinance which will restrict parking on the north side of CTH “DR” from Peninsula Road easterly to Venice Beach Road in the Town of Summit. Behrend said he is in favor of this parking regulation because of the pedestrian activity created by the bars and the boat launch.

**Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**Consider Proposed Resolution: 158-R-003 Support for Grade Separation at the Railroad Crossing on County Highway K**

**Motion:** Swan moved, second by Carlson, to approve Proposed Resolution 158-R-003. Bolte stated he was contacted by the Railroad Commissioner who indicated that local governments are in support of this. The resolution basically puts the county on record as supporting the concept of a grade separation at the railroad crossing on CTH “K” but doesn’t commit the county to contributing money. He stated this is the first step in a long process. A committee discussion continued regarding issues surrounding the resolution. Also discussed were changes to the resolution which are detailed in the following motion.

**Motion:** Singert moved, second by Carlson, to delete lines 26 through 28; in line 30, delete “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED” and add “THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES RESOLVE”; and in line 36, delete “Wisconsin” and add “Waukesha County”. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

To Nilson's question, Bolte stated regarding funding he would hope that there would be eligibility for 80/20 federal/local and then the local share broken down further between the railroad and the county which might be 10/10. **Original motion carried as amended 7 – 0.**

### **Status Update on the Communications Center**

Bolte stated the project is on track. There is an updated picture of the center posted to the Internet at the county site every week. They are on track for closing the building the week of September 23 with substantial completion roughly the third week of January 2004 when the communications equipment will be moved in. There are no problems with the building itself. The computer system - CAD-RMS [Records Management System], which is the Stillman software, was loaded on the county servers on July 5. They are now working on building all the tables that will need to be installed. Don Dittmar (Land IS Coordinator) has a large project ahead which is to convert the street segment file into something Stillman can use. Training will start in earnest in September for the communities who have chosen to use one or more of the modules.

Bolte stated on the Human Resources side, they advertised the beginning of July for the six (6) shift supervisor positions, one of which comes on line October 1, 2003 and the other five on January 1, 2004. He is pleased to say that they received 33 applications from all over the country. On the equipment side, Purchasing has conveyed that today they are getting back the competitive quotes on the dispatch furniture so that can be ordered. The radio proposal from Motorola will be coming in soon. Richard Tuma is in the process of writing the emergency proposal that will go out to the phone providers. Bolte said they remain generally on track which the schedule shows.

### **Status Update on the Justice Addition Capital Project**

Cerreta said next week (August 5), they will start installing the construction chain link fence. On August 9 all Sheriff vehicles will be relocated to the horseshoe area near the courthouse. After that the underground utilities will be relocated, and then the excavation will occur followed by the concrete work. The 19 contracts that were approved cover all of this work to date. They are diligently working on the final 11 contracts to make sure the building is reduced by \$2.5 million. An August 5 deadline is the final decision-making point on what value engineering items they will accept. On September 2 HGA will have the modifications of the value engineered items. A new set of documents will be available for bidding on September 4 with a bid opening date of September 23. Cerreta continued with an explanation of the Justice Center renovation and expansion with the use of a construction staging plan. A general discussion continued with the committee asking questions as Cerreta pointed out different areas of interest and concern. Esler asked about the fifth home. Are you going to work around it or is it coming down? Bolte said it is coming down shortly. Bolte went on to say that it isn't any big secret what they are planning to do which is to amend the jail capital project to give them some flexibility to go on the west side of Riverview. That's not to say that they are going there, but it will allow parking to be constructed if the City proposal falls through. If they can't get the zoning, parking is needed someplace.

### **Discuss Invitation to Appoint a County Representative on the City of Waukesha Transit Commission**

Esler stated that he has a call into Bob Johnson of Waukesha Transit to see if a Transit Commission with county members on it is being created. Presently the City of Waukesha Board of Public Works (5 members) doubles up as their transit commission. A transit commission was proposed in 2002 in draft form, but was not advanced when the RFP for a transit operator became an issue.

### **Discuss and Consider Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission (WRRTC) Request for Funds**

Nilson introduced Ken Lucht, Community Development Mgr. for Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company. Packets were distributed with a multitude of information on WRRTC and Wisconsin & Southern Railroad. Manke and Nilson both serve on the Commission, as well as Ed Stoltz, a former County Board Supervisor. Nilson said today he would like the committee to review the information and then re-agendize this item for the next meeting.

Nilson said Waukesha County joined WRRTC about 20 years ago and contributed funding at that time. The whole idea of WRRTC was to save the freight railroad system in southern Wisconsin, which was primarily running on Milwaukee Road trackage. Most rehabilitation projects receive 80% aid in federal funding with 20% from the railroad and the transit commission. Lucht continued with additional background information. He stated the 3-5-7 Year Plan recommends that each county (18) contribute a small amount each year, i.e. \$15,000 to \$20,000, toward system improvements. Then when an improvement is needed, the particular county won't have to come up with \$1/2 million. Lucht explained projects coming up for next year. He said they aren't opposed to trucking but the freight lines take about 50,000 trucks off the road in Waukesha County every year. There are over 150 customers on their system and by using the rail service rather than trucking, these customers can save anywhere from 5-10 cents a bushel on grain and \$6-\$7 a ton on fertilizer. Lucht stated they figure they save the State \$12 million per year on highway maintenance costs. Nilson stated that a request was made to Executive Finley to put money in the budget but he said no.

Singert asked have other counties contributed money in support of your position? Nilson said the other counties are going through the same process as we are going through today. Dodge County has passed a resolution approving their contribution, as well as Walworth County. To Singert's question, the customers that WSOR serves was reviewed on pages 44-45 of the packet. Esler stated the fact that Secretary Busalacchi was at a recent WRRTC meeting and giving support is encouraging.

### **Approve Minutes of July 10, 2003**

**Motion:** Behrend moved, second by Bruce, to approve the minutes of 7/10/03. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

### **Verbal Report from Executive Committee Member**

Those supervisors (Manke, Carlson, Swan) who attended the NACo Conference in Milwaukee reported that they found it to be very interesting and beneficial with a lot of information available.

**Motion to adjourn:** Nilson moved, second by Singert, to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 p.m.  
Motion carried 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Genia C. Bruce  
Secretary

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